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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SOPN CH US OVIP (ROWAN, CARL)
SUBJ: VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YU CHAN BLASTS US ON BACKGROUND

REF: PEKING 2053

1. ACCORDING TO TEXT OF STORY FILED BY CARL ROWAN THROUGH REUTERS (WHO READ STORY TO USLO OFFICER), PRC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YU CHAN, WHO PERMITTED HIMSELF TO BE IDENTIFIED ONLY AS "A SENIOR PRC OFFICIAL," ADOPTED HIS CUSTOMARY COMBATIVE STYLE IN CASTIGATING THE UNITED STATES FOR A VARIETY OF SINS. MOST NOTABLY, YU CHAN LAUNCHED IMMEDIATELY INTO THE VISIT BY SECRETARY VANCE; YU ALLEGED THAT SECRETARY VANCE CAME TO CHINA, ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING, THEN RETURNED HOME TO GIVE "FALSE INFORMATION" IN AN EFFORT TO "DECEIVE PEOPLE." ROWAN CHARACTERIZED THE TIRADE AS UNDOUBTEDLY THE MOST BITING SINCE REOPENING OF THE US-PRC DIALOGUE IN 1971-72.

2. ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF TAIWAN, YU PLACED EMPHASIS ON
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THE PROBABLY NEED FOR RECOURSE TO THE USE OF FORCE TO
ERADICATE THE "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES" THERE.

3. YU ALSO SPOKE ACIDLY OF AMERICAN WEAKNESS VIS-A-VIS
THE SOVIET UNION, OBSERVING THAT THE US WAS UNLIKELY TO
"LIFT A FINGER" TO ASSIST YUGOSLAVIA EVEN IF SOVIET

FORCES SHOULD INVADE AND THAT THE US WAS NOT EVEN PREPARED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO ITS ALLIES (A PROBABLE REFERENCE TO THE ALLEGED PRM-10 DECISION BY THE US TO ACCEPT ANNEXATION OF ONE-THIRD OF WEST GERMANY BY INVADING SOVIET FORCES).

4. ROWAN'S FULL STORY WILL PRESUMABLY APPEAR IN SEPTEMBER 13 AFTERNOON EDITIONS OF EASTERN US NEWSPAPERS. WE REPORT THE ABOVE TO FACILITATE PREPARATION OF APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO THE INEVITABLE PRESS QUESTIONS.

5. COMMENT: IT NOW SEEMS MORE LIKELY THAN EVER THAT THE CHINESE WILL LAY ON A MEETING WITH TENG HSIAO-PING FOR ROWAN ON HIS RETURN FROM TACHAI (REFTEL) AND THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR ASSAULT ON THE AMERICAN PRESS INTERPRETATION OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO CHINA.
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